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C.P.**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 7, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-9, 17-27), drawn to the self-aligning suspension system and method of production. If the restriction is continued, Applicant cancels remaining claims 10-16 and 28-31, without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed on the basis that Restriction Requirements are optional in all cases. MPEP 803. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it arguably may include claims to distinct or independent inventions. MPEP 803. All of the pending claims relate to and recite as an element the self-aligning suspension system of the present invention. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims can all be easily searched and examined together.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's below signed attorney if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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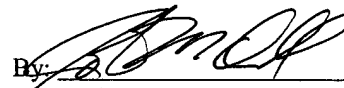
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